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Diane P. Wood, Circuit Judge
J.P. Stadtmueller, District Judge
Robert M. Dow, Jr., District Judge
United States District Court for the
Eastern District of Wisconsin
517 East Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Baldus, et al. v. Brennan, et al., Case No. 11-CV-00562-JPS-DPW-RMD

Your Honors:

We write, without advocacy, to call to the Court's attention several redistricting orders entered earlier this week by the three-judge panel in *Perez, et al. v. Perry, et al.*, No. 5:11-cv-00360-OLG-JES-XR (W.D. Tex.). The orders, dated February 28 and March 1, 2012, involve judicially-drawn boundaries for Texas House of Representatives and U.S. House of Representative districts based, in part, on a decision under the Voting Rights Act. This Court will recall that the matter had been remanded to the three-judge panel in the Western District of Texas by a January 20, 2012 order of the U.S. Supreme Court. *See Perry, et al. v. Perez, et al.*, ___ U.S. ___, 132 S. Ct. 934, Nos. 11-713, 11-714, 11-715 (Jan. 20, 2012).

The three-judge panel's February 28th orders adopting new districts note that an explanatory opinion will be forthcoming. In two companion orders issued on February 28th and March 1st, the three-judge panel also established new election dates, election-related deadlines, and interim party convention process rules.

Very truly yours,

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